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LETTER DATED 2 APRIL 1994 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter from my Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Irfan Ljubljankic, to Your Excellency dated 1 April 1994.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
Deputy Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 1 April 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Over the past several days we have received the most alarming reports from the besieged town of Gorazde. Serb forces have resumed indiscriminate shelling of the population in this town. Only yesterday, fifteen people were killed and fifty-eight wounded, the majority of whom were women and children. The situation is dire and calls for an immediate response.

These reports indicate that a new Serb offensive against this town is under way, in defiance of all the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and in particular resolutions 824 (1993) and 836 (1993) according to which Gorazde has been designated a "safe area".

The recent political efforts in Bosnia and Herzegovina have borne fruit, resulting in the pacifying of the situation on the ground. Yet, this latest act of Karadzic's Serbs threaten to bring the country back into a quagmire and to jeopardize everything that has been achieved through the efforts of the peace-loving part of the world.

The Security Council has already adopted the mandate under resolution 836 (1993) to "deter attacks against the safe areas" (paragraph 5), and has given the authority required for the necessary response to such atrocities.

Therefore, we request that the Security Council convene an emergency session to determine why the existing mandate has not been utilized to confront those who have attacked the United Nations designated "safe area" of Gorazde.

(Signed) Dr. Irfan LJUBLJANKIC